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Truck Firm Owner Sues CIA for Accident Damages

The owner of a Denver trucking firm filed suit in U.S. District Court Wednesday seeking damages from the Federal Government arising out of an accident in which the regional director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was killed.

The accident, last March 11, took the life of Harry L. Ostler, 61, of 1300 Monroe St. A state patrolman said Ostler's car ran headon into a semi-truck driven by Jimmy Dean Reeves, 30, of 1399 Vine st. Reeves was not injured.

Announcement of Ostler's death was the first public revelation that the CIA had a regional office in Denver. But the agency's functions here and the names of other employees remain a mystery.

Wednesday's suit was filed by W. J. Digby on behalf of himself and his firm, W. J. Digby Inc. of 1960 31st st., owner of the truck.

The suit, which incorrectly identifies Ostler as an employee of the "Civil" Intelligence Agency, claims the CIA agent was driving "carelessly and negligently" at the time of the accident.

The suit also lists Ostler as still living, though he was killed in the accident.